GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2007-261 December 7, 2007

MAYOR

SUBJECT:

Delegation to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic

Development – Immigrant Investor Visa Program

ORIGINATING AGENCY:

Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the District of Columbia by section 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act of 1973, as amended, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22 (6) and (11) (2006 Repl.), and pursuant to section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, approved June 27, 1952 (Pub. L. 414; 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5)) and 8 C.F.R. § 204.6(i)), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- 1. The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development is hereby delegated the authority to identify the geographic or political subdivisions within the District of Columbia that meet the definition of targeted employment area under the Immigrant Investor Visa Program, established pursuant to section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5)).
- 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: This order shall become effective immediately.

ATTEST

STEPHANIE D. SCOTT

SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Barry Kreiswirth

Special Assistant for Policy and Legislation

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development

FROM:

Deputy Attorney General Legal Counsel Division

DATE:

November 19, 2007

SUBJECT:

Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft Mayor's Order, "Delegation - Immigrant

Investor Visa Program"

(AM-07-758)

This memorandum responds to your November 7, 2007 request that this Office conduct a legal sufficiency review of the above-referenced draft Mayor's Order ("Order").

The Order would delegate to the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development the authority to identify the geographic or political subdivisions within the District of Columbia that meet the definition of targeted employment area under the Immigrant Investor Visa Program, established pursuant to section 203(b)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(5)).

You should replace the phrase "high unemployment area" in section 1 of the Order with the phrase "targeted employment area," the term used in the federal law creating the program. Apart from this change, this Office finds the Order to be legally sufficient.

Should you have any questions concerning this memorandum, please contact Jason Spitalnick in the Legal Counsel Division by telephone at 724-6528 or by email at jason.spitalnick@dc.gov, or me at 724-5524.

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